

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**Purpose:** The Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA) protects, enhances, and develops all agriculture in Montana; encourages and promotes production and marketing for agriculture and allied industries and provides protection for producers and consumers through administration and enforcement of statutes established by Montana's legislature.

**Authorities:** MCA - Title 80: Chapter 1, Parts 101 & 102; Chapters 2-12, 15, 18 & 20 and Title 90, Chapter 9.

### Roles & Responsibilities:

#### Director's Office

- Assists in implementing the Montana Drought Plan as an active member of the Governor's Drought Advisory Committee (DAC) [*Drought*]

#### Agricultural Sciences Division

- Provide laboratory analysis of chemicals/pesticides and other analytical services through the Bozeman lab. [*Technical Assistance*]
- Provide pesticide and groundwater specialists to assist with relevant issues. [*Technical Assistance*]

#### Agricultural Development Division

- Provide laboratory analysis of grains and other crops through the agency's United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) certified inspection agents. [*Technical Assistance*]